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OVEREXPRESSING D-ALANINE LIGASE GENE AND  
USES THEREFORE  
Group/Art Unit : 1652  
Examiner : Delia M. Ramirez  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified application in response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 19, 2006. Attached is a request for a three month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.

Amendments to Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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